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Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 21, 1997, please amend this application as follows and reconsider the application in light of those amendments and the subsequent remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 56 and 66-87 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 55, 59, and 63 and add new claims 88, 89, and 90 as follows:

- 1                    55. (Twice Amended ) A method of treating an angeological  
2 disease at a bifurcation site where a blood vessel branches into a first  
3 branched vessel and a second branched vessel using a birfucation prosthesis  
4 [stent] having a bifurcation, a proximal portion, a first distal portion, and an  
5 extension portion extending distally relative to said bifurcation, and using a  
6 second prosthesis [stent], said method comprising the steps of: